

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for data input into a service device allow a loading and updating of service data, particularly postage fee schedule tables, separated from one another in time. The method and apparatus are suitable for postage meter machines as well as for scales containing postage computers or similar devices. The apparatus for implementation of the method contains a processor and a memory with memory areas for service data. After detecting the input and storage of a load requirement, a check for the presence of a load instruction, formation of a status report of the memory occupancy for service data and a transmission of the status report to the data center ensue. The data center forms recommendations for a future status of the memory occupancy in the service device on the basis of an analysis of the status report of the memory occupancy for service data that is implemented in the data center. The data center transmits the recommendations to the service device that, after evaluation thereof, sends corresponding request data before the actual loading.